

MHT #FHD-1297

128 Water Street

Built around 1925

Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland

Private dwelling

Brief Description

This one-story free-standing frame dwelling exhibits features of the bungalow style. It is one-and-one-half-stories tall, three-bays wide, and has a gable-on-hip-roof. It rests on a low parged limestone foundation and is covered with vinyl siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has an over hanging eave with a boxed cornice. A brick chimney rises from the ridge of the gabled portion of the roof.

Summary Statement of Significance

Built in the 1920s, 128 Water Street was the most recent dwelling to have been built in Mary Welty's Addition to Frederick. The rest of the buildings in this small subdivision were built soon after the approximately two-acre tract was divided into twenty lots by Joseph Welty and John S. Ramsburg in 1891. The dwelling was built on Lot 16, which was one of eight lots that fronted on South Street and one of the larger lots in the subdivision. It differs stylistically from the other buildings in the neighborhood, representing the twentieth-century shift in working-class housing trends from duplexes and row houses to modern detached bungalows.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1297

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 128 Water Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Frederick

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Frederick

3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert A. Queen, Sr., and Jane A. Queen

street & number 4224 Ijamsville Road

telephone no.:

city, town Ijamsville

state and zip code

MD 21754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Court House

liber 1515

street & number 100 West Patrick Street

folio 178

city, town Frederick

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title None

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

Check one

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☐ excellent

☐ deteriorated

☐ unaltered

☒ original site

☒ good

☐ ruins

☒ altered

☐ moved

date of move _____

☐ fair

☐ unexposed

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1 building

This one-story free-standing frame dwelling is the most recent dwelling on Water Street and differs stylistically from the other buildings in the neighborhood. Exhibiting features of the bungalow style, it represents the twentieth-century shift in working-class housing trends from duplexes and row houses to modern single detached bungalows.

Built in the late 1920s, this single dwelling is built forward on its lot in keeping with the house placement common along the street. It is one-and-one-half-stories in height, three-bays wide, and has a gable-on-hip-roof. It rests on a low parged limestone foundation and is covered with vinyl siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has an over hanging eave with a boxed cornice. A brick chimney rises from the ridge of the gabled portion of the roof.

In the third bay of the asymmetrical west front elevation is a fixed, twenty-light window, flanked by four-over-six double sash windows. The other window, in the first bay, is six-over-nine double sash. The window in the central shed-roofed dormer has one vertical, two-light, fixed window. Beneath the dormer, the central doorway has a six-panel door with side lights. A low sweeping, hipped roof forms a full-width three-bay front porch. Its roof is supported on square brick columns which rest on the wood porch floor. The balustrade is comprised of square balusters with a bottom rail. Decorative, open-work brackets ornament the pilasters under the roof at each end of the porch. Wood steps at the south end of the porch lead down to a poured-concrete landing. The crawlspace beneath the porch is covered with brick.

The asymmetrical north side elevation has three windows that progressively diminish in size from the west to the east end of the elevation. The window at the west end is six-over-nine double sash, the middle window is four-over-four double sash, and the smallest window at the east end is one fixed light. The east rear elevation, which faces a concrete-block commercial building, has a six-over-six double sash window, and another window that has been boarded over.

The two-bay south elevation has a sliding glass door and a twenty-light, fixed window. A shed-roofed porch on this side extends nearly the width of the elevation. Its roof is supported on four-by-fours, and its balustrade has square balusters and a bottom rail. Wood steps lead down from the south side of the porch to the grass lawn between the house and South Street. At the west end of the porch another flight of wood steps leads down to the concrete landing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1925 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built in the 1920s, 128 Water Street was the most recent dwelling to have been built in Mary Welty's Addition to Frederick. The rest of the buildings in this small subdivision were built soon after the approximately two-acre tract was divided into twenty lots by Joseph Welty and John S. Ramsburg in 1891.

The dwelling was built on Lot 16, which was one of eight lots that fronted on South Street. Lot 16 was one of the larger lots in the subdivision. Along with the neighboring three lots to the east, lots 17, 18, and 19, it was the most recent to have been developed. This building was shown for the first time on the 1930 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Frederick*. The map indicates 128 Water Street as a one-story building with a full front porch and side porch on the east half of its south elevation. The map also shows two attached one-story outbuildings, probably garages, at the south end of the lot on South Street. In the 1930s, the house was occupied by John Shank who worked as an egg grader at the nearby Chestnut Farms. In the 1940s and 1950s it was occupied by laborer Daniel Lowe and his wife, Kathryn, and by 1960, it was occupied by equipment operator James Albrecht and his wife Lillian.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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Frederick County Deed Book WIP 13:376

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Frederick, Maryland. New York, New York, 1930.

Polk's Directory of Frederick. R.L. Polk, New York, New York, 1935, 1940-41, 1946, 1950, 1955, and 1960.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3,900 sq. ft.Quadrangle name Frederick, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24 000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Frederick Tax Map 418 parcels 922

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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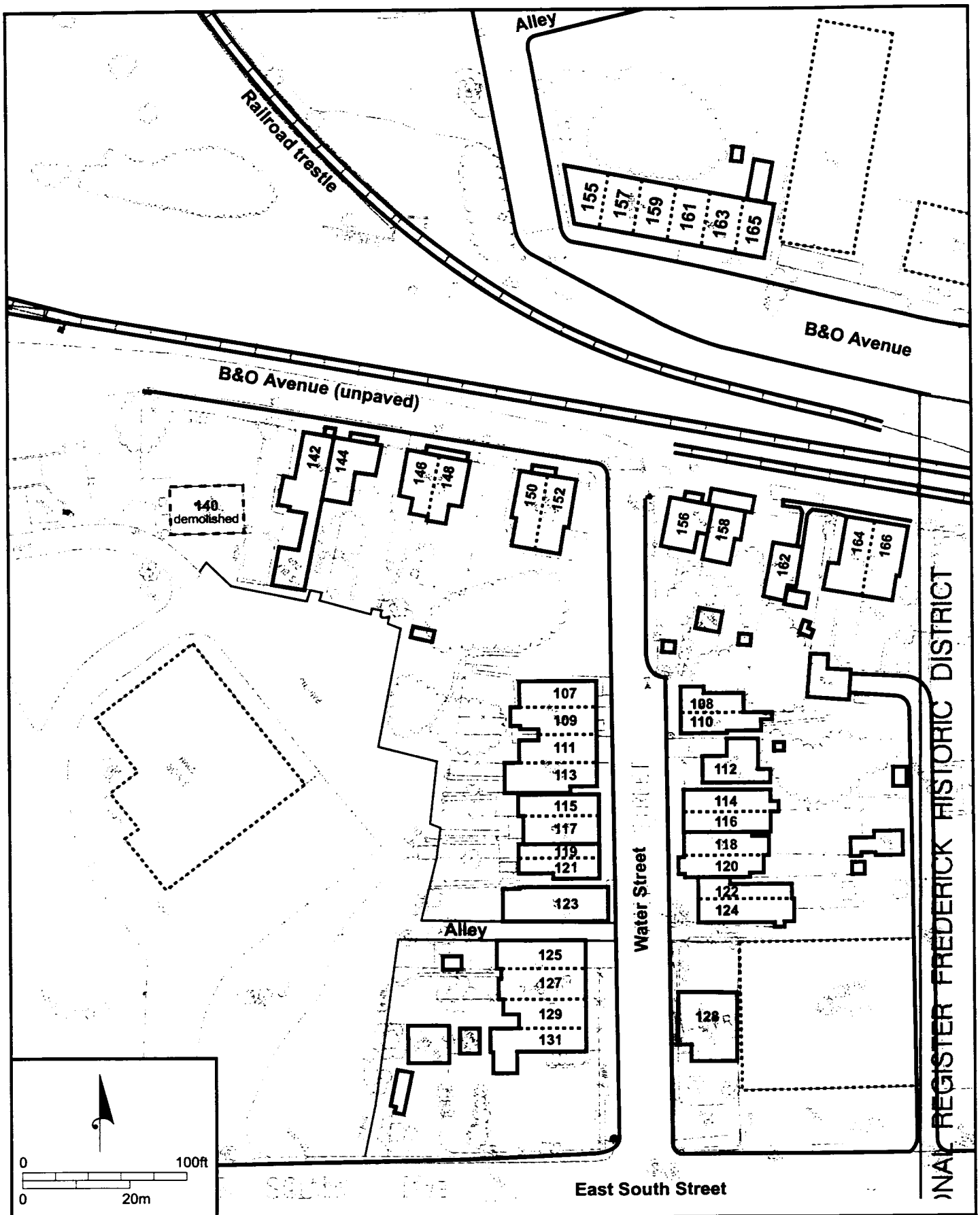
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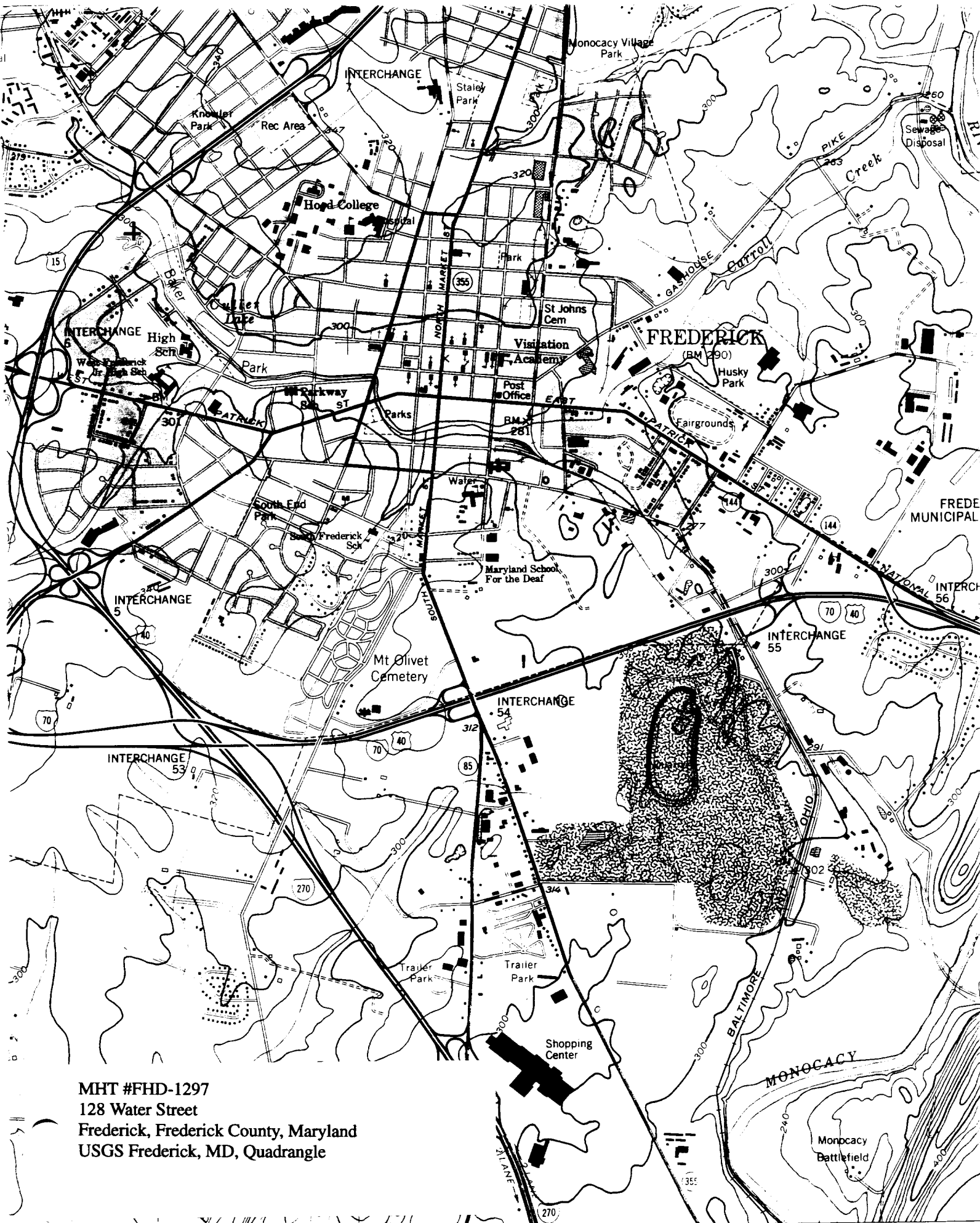
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032
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Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
1960	City Directory: James Albrecht (Lillian), equipment operator at Etzler Inc.	occupant of 128 Water St.	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: Daniel T. Lowe	occupant of 128 Water St.	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Daniel T. Lowe (Kathryn H) laborer	occupant of 128 Water St.	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: Daniel T. Lowe, household of 3	occupant of 128 Water St.	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: John W. Shank, egg grader, Chestnut Farms	occupant of 128 Water St.	Polk 1940-41
1935	City Directory: William Shank	occupant of 126 Water St.	Polk 1935
1930	Map:		Sanborn 1930



Resource Sketch Map
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Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland



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128 Water Street
Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
USGS Frederick, MD, Quadrangle



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128 S. Water St., Frederick, Md.

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West & South elevations, looking NE

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WEST & NORTH ELEVATIONS, looking SE

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